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MONTHLY MEETING

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2015

10:00 A.M.

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APPEARANCESBOARD MEMBERS

Dan Richard, Chairman (Via phone)

Tom Richards, Vice Chair

Thea Selby, Vice Chair

Lynn Schenk (Via phone)

Michael Rossi

Daniel Curtin

STAFF

Janice Neibel, Secretary

ALSO PRESENT

Robert Allen

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P R O C E E D I N G S

10:02 a.m.

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SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2015

VICE CHAIR RICHARDS: Good morning. This is the September meeting of the California High-Speed Rail Authority Board of Directors.

If we could call the roll, please?

MS. NEIBEL: Director Schenk?

BOARD MEMBER SCHENK: Present. (By phone)

MS. NEIBEL: Director Rossi?

BOARD MEMBER ROSSI: Here.

MS. NEIBEL: Vice Chair Richards?

VICE CHAIR RICHARDS: Here.

MS. NEIBEL: Vice Chair Selby?

VICE CHAIR SELBY: Here.

MS. NEIBEL: Director Correa is absent.

Director Curtin?

BOARD MEMBER CURTIN: Here.

MS. NEIBEL: Chair Richard?

CHAIRMAN RICHARD: Here. (By phone.)

VICE CHAIR RICHARDS: Thank you. We do have a quorum. And for those in the audience you have noted that two of our members are calling in today.

If we could now have the Pledge of Allegiance,

1 Vice Chair Thea?

2 (The Pledge of Allegiance is made.)

3 VICE CHAIR RICHARDS: Thank you.

4 You in the audience have probably noted that we
5 do not have any public business today other than a closed
6 session that we will report back out on.

7 In the interim however, we will have public
8 comment. And if I can ask first, are there any members of
9 the public at any of our remote sites who would like to
10 speak?

11 CHAIRMAN RICHARD: This is Dan Richard. There
12 are no members of the public at this site.

13 BOARD MEMBER SCHENK: This is Lynn Schenk, the
14 same.

15 VICE CHAIR RICHARDS: Okay. Thank you.

16 We do have one speaker here in Sacramento and
17 that's Mr. Robert Allen. Mr. Allen?

18 MR. ALLEN: I have a comment along pretty much
19 the comments I've offered in the past. Prop 1A which
20 authorized the high-speed rail was sold to the public on
21 the basis that it would be safe and reliable.

22 In the corridor between San Jose and San
23 Francisco there are, at present, two grade-separated
24 corridors -- each one eight lanes wide plus lanes for the
25 median on each side plus two lanes for the outside

1 shoulder. They are grade separated and fenced. They allow
2 travel at -- up to 65 miles an hour.

3 At the present time we have a Caltrain corridor,
4 which has dozens of grade crossings, which has a maximum
5 speed of 79 miles an hour. It has many trackside station
6 platforms, is in city centers of many areas. I understand
7 it is proposed to raise the speed, maximum speed, from 79
8 miles an hour to 110 to 125 miles an hour without providing
9 for grade separations, without providing for fencing,
10 keeping people away from the tracks, from the high-speed
11 trains.

12 I urge you to seriously consider doing something
13 other than the blended rail, which could be dangerous for
14 people with accidents, suicides and the possibility of
15 enemy activity.

16 I urge you to seriously consider stopping the
17 high-speed rail to the Bay Area at San Jose. Let the other
18 people take care of the accident potential, which is there.
19 That you halt it at San Jose and ultimately go up to
20 Oakland and go over to Sacramento.

21 Thank you.

22 VICE CHAIR RICHARDS: Thank you, Mr. Allen.

23 We have no other public speakers. We will now
24 move into closed session and upon conclusion will come back
25 out and advise if we have anything report. Thank you.

1 (The Board convened into Closed Session at 10:07 a.m.)
2 (At 12:39 the Board returned from Closed Session and having
3 no further business to report, Vice Chair Tom Richards
4 adjourned the public meeting of the High-Speed Rail
5 Authority at 12:39 p.m.)

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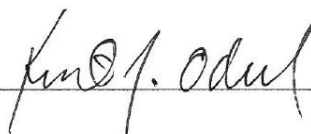
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